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Astros' Altuve wins AL MVP

Veteran second baseman beats out Yankees rookie Aaron Judge. **C1**

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Killer's phone contents sought

Apple named in search warrant obtained by Rangers

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Texas Rangers investigating the mass shooting in Sutherland Springs have served a search warrant on Silicon Valley giant Apple Inc. and are seeking digital photos, messages, documents and other types of data that

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might have been stored by gunman Devin Patrick Kelley, who was found with an iPhone after he killed himself.

Court records obtained by the San Antonio Express-News show Texas Ranger Kevin

Wright obtained search warrants on Nov. 9 for files stored on Kelley's iPhone, a second mobile phone found near his body and for files stored in Kelley's iCloud account — Apple's digital archive that can sync iPhone files.

The iCloud feature is an optional service. Obtaining such records, if they exist, directly

from Apple could aid authorities investigating the worst mass shooting in modern Texas history.

Apple's policy regarding iCloud content states that material may be provided to law enforcement agencies if they obtain search warrants.

For iPhones, Apple has clashed with the FBI in the past



The inability to access Devin Patrick Kelley's cellphone highlights a long-standing FBI frustration.

to protect the privacy of its customers.

In the case of the San Bernardino, California, mass shooting in 2015, which killed 14 people, **Cellphone continues on A4**



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Airmen in the stands watch the change of command ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Change of command at AETC

Lt. Gen. Steven Kwast became the head of the Air Education and Training Command on Thursday at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. Kwast has more than 3,300 flying hours and over 650 combat hours during operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Allied Force and Enduring Freedom. **Metro, A3**



Gen. David Goldfein (left) shakes hands with Lt. Gen. Steven Kwast as Kwast's predecessor, Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, watches during the Air Education and Training Command transfer of command ceremony.

House tax bill OK'd without Democrats

13 in GOP vote against it

By Kevin Diaz  
WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — In a big victory for Texas Republican Kevin Brady, the House passed a sweeping tax overhaul Thursday on a narrow party-line vote, setting up a showdown in the Senate that will test the unity of the GOP's slim majority.

The 227-205 vote brought President Donald Trump a step closer to a long-held GOP campaign promise: Dramatically cutting the rates for corporations, individuals and families, while taking away many deductions and credits.

Taxes, on average, would go down, Republicans said. But Democrats and some independent analysts predicted uneven benefits from the GOP legislation, which they said would further enrich the wealthy, deepen deficits and increase the overall tax burden on as many as

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President Donald Trump, with Vice President Mike Pence, leaves after meeting with Republicans in the House.

Stunning Montelongo 'spousal maintenance'

By Patrick Danner  
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New court records reveal some eye-popping details of the marital split between one-time celebrity house-flippers Armando Montelongo and his ex-wife Veronica.

The former couple, who gained fame in 2006 on the A&E show "Flip This House," divorced in April 2012 in San Antonio, but the details of their separation agreement have remained confidential until a recent spat over missed alimony payments this summer landed the two back in court last

month.

Veronica was trying to collect the final payments of the couple's original agreement, which promised her \$4,000 a week in alimony plus an additional annual payment of \$250,000 for five years, according to the couple's "Agreement Incident to Divorce." The agreement was referenced in an August court filing with the Bexar County district court.

She said at the time that she still hadn't received all of her "spousal maintenance" for 2016, specifically that she was short-changed on her \$250,000 annu-

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Courtesy photo

Armando and Veronica Montelongo, shown in 2009, divorced in April 2012 in San Antonio.

Prison guards' exodus linked to greener pastures

By Keri Blakinger  
HOUSTON CHRONICLE

Texas prisons are shedding officers, with a staggering 28 percent turnover rate in the past fiscal year, a "mass exodus" that some experts say stems from a strengthening economy and recovering oil and gas sector.

"A lot of these guys don't want to work in a prison," said Lance Lowry, a spokesman for the Huntsville-based Texas Correctional Employees union. "There's other job opportunities opening up in rural Texas."

Data from the Texas state auditor's office show a marked increase over the previous year, when 22.8 percent of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's roughly 26,000 officers left for other jobs.

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365 days of tacos

Beef fajita taco with onions and peppers on a flour tortilla at La Margarita. **ExpressNews.com/Tacos**

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